

Largest Expansion in Magic Kingdom History Will Nearly Double the Size of Fantasyland

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. – Let the fun begin! Early stages of the New Fantasyland — the largest expansion project in Magic Kingdom history – opened to guests March 12, 2012.

This first phase the multi-year expansion brings the fun of the midway to Storybook Circus in two exciting ways:

- The sound of the calliope leads guests to that beloved airborne pachyderm: **Dumbo the Flying Elephant**. With the March opening, guests get to experience the first-ever Dumbo flying clockwise. Later in the year, a second Dumbo – flying *counterclockwise* – will double the fun. At the completion of this Fantasyland favorite, guests will experience an array of fun-filled family games and interactive wonders for kids of all ages inside the Big Top.
- Next door in Storybook Circus, the classic **Barnstormer** gets a bright new look as well, featuring Goofy as The Great Goofini. Hold on! It's a twisting, turning family-style roller coaster "flight" high above the circus fun.

But that's just the beginning of what guests will discover when the multi-phase project is completed. Here's more of what's in store:

Under the Sea- Journey of the Little Mermaid, a major, all-new attraction during which guests will travel with Ariel and her friends through their exciting adventures above and below the waves – all against a musical backdrop of songs from the classic film.

The castle of the Beast, standing majestically upon a hill just across an old stone bridge from Ariel's new home. The **Be Our Guest Restaurant** will feature a lavish dining experience in the elegant ballroom, gallery, and mysterious "West Wing" of the castle. With seating for 550, this magnificent facility will offer "great food fast" service by day and full table service dining in the evening. Nearby in Belle's Village, guests will find the rousing **Gaston's Tavern** and **Bonjour! Village Gifts**.

Just outside the village is Maurice's cottage and **Enchanted Tales with Belle**. The adventure begins in Maurice's workshop, where an enchanted mirror is the doorway to a captivating new kind of storytelling experience: Guests are transported to the Beast's library to meet Belle and Lumiere, and share in a lively, interactive, re-telling of the "tale as old as time."

The Seven Dwarfs Mine Train will take guests on a rollicking, musical ride into the mine "where a million diamonds shine." The coaster will feature a first-of-its kind ride system with a train of ride vehicles that swing back and forth, responding to every twist and turn of the track. The journey will be accompanied by music from the classic Disney film and animated figures of Snow White and the Dwarfs.

In **Princess Fairytale Hall**, Aurora, Cinderella and other Disney princesses, such as Tiana and Rapunzel, will greet guests in their new home, an elegant royal court on the site where Snow White's Scary Adventures stands today.

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